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Governor Reduces Restrictions on Victim Aid

Extends filing period to apply for assistance after crime incident

Sacramento, CA – Today Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. signed an important bill for victims of crime, tripling the time period allowed for crime victims to apply for financial assistance for crime-related expenses.

Senate Bill 1299 (Wright) will improve access to the California Victim Compensation Program by extending the filing period from one year to three years after a qualifying crime. By allowing a longer filing period, victims will have a greater opportunity to apply for financial compensation to ease expenses incurred, such as medical and dental bills or mental health treatment expenses.

"I am pleased that important services for victims of violent crime are more accessible through the extended three-year application filing period," said Julie Nauman, Executive Officer for CalVCP. "With the signing of SB 1299, the program will be able to provide assistance to even more crime victims."

Currently, the program receives approximately 55,000 applications each year from victims of homicide, rape, assault, domestic violence, human trafficking and sexual assault. These horrific crimes afflict innocent victims every day, forever changing the lives of the victim, their loved ones, and their communities.

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The California Victim Compensation Program (CalVCP) provides compensation for victims of violent crime who are injured or threatened with injury. Among the crimes covered are domestic violence, child abuse, sexual and physical assault, homicide, robbery, and vehicular manslaughter.

If a person meets eligibility criteria, CalVCP will compensate many types of services when the costs are not covered by other sources. Eligible services include medical and dental care, mental health services, income loss, funeral expenses, rehabilitation and relocation. Funding for CalVCP comes from restitution fines and orders, penalty assessments levied on persons convicted of crimes and traffic offenses, and matching federal funds.